



TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MMB Docket No. **1671-0281**

J&J Reference: **DEP5038USNP**

Group Art Unit: **3732**

In re patent application of: **Keeven et al.**

Examiner: **Annette R. Reimers**

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified patent application. Also submitted herewith is a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Paid For	Fee Calculation	Additional Fee
Total Claims	16	20	0 x 50	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0 X 200	\$0.00
Total Additional Fee Required				\$0.00

- * A check in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time.
- * Please provide any further extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

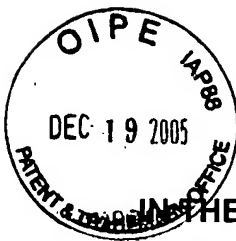
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In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2005, please enter the following amendment: